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I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Medical Administration

Representation of depressed classes in the cadre of District Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons.

* 271 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. DHARMALINGAM PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of depressed class, non-Brahman and Brahman District Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons now in service of the Government; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Services Commission has not called for applications from depressed class candidates for this service of District and Assistant Surgeons as it does in the case of Deputy Collectors and Deputy Superintendents of Police?

A.—(*a*) The following statement shows the number:—

	Civil surgeons.	Assistant surgeons.
Depressed classes	Nil.	Nil.
Non-Brahmans	13	65
Brahmans	16	101
Oriya	Nil.	1

(*b*) No applications have been called for from any community for selection of candidates for appointment as District Surgeons as there is no proposal to fill up such posts by direct recruitment.

The Madras Services Commission did not call for applications from candidates belonging to the scheduled classes for selecting candidates for appointment as Women Civil Assistant Surgeons.

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—" May I know from the Hon. Minister when the last appointment to the cadre of District and Assistant Surgeons was made?

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I cannot say."

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—" May I know whether any applications for these posts were received from the depressed class candidates? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Applications from the scheduled class candidates were not called for at all."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" May I know, arising out of the answer given by the Hon. Minister, whether the Public Services Commission have at any time by means of a general notification called for applicants for

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these posts with the necessary qualifications and whether among those applicants candidates from the depressed classes also applied?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I am not aware of that."

Appointment of Honorary Physicians in the General Hospital, Madras.

*272 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any vacancies in the post of Honorary Physicians in the General Hospital were recently filled up, and if so, how many;

(*b*) the names of the applicants and their qualifications; and

(*c*) the names of persons who were appointed and their qualifications?

A.—(*a*) Yes; one.

(*b*) (1) Mr. A. Srinivasan, L.M.P. (Mad.), M.R.C.P. (Lond.).

(2) ,, P. S. Varadarajan, M.B. (Mad.), M.R.C.P. (Lond.). (First in Honours Biology).

(3) Dr. K. C. Paul, M.D. (Mad.).

(4) Mr. T. K. Sundaram, M.B.B.S., obtained a University Diploma at Vienna.

(5) ,, H. Chatterjee, L.M.S.

(*c*) Mr. P. S. Varadarajan (No. 2 above) was appointed.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"May I know why the Government have selected a non-British subject, when there is already a qualified man who has also got experience as Honorary Physician in the Rayapuram Hospital?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"The gentleman chosen is not at present residing in any Indian State. Besides the Government were advised that he was the most suitable candidate among the applicants."

Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"Sir, he is a native of Mysore, resident of Mysore and everything of Mysore. Mysore has issued a prohibitory order against British Indians taking up appointments in their territory. May I ask whether the Government are aware of that?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I am not aware of what is taking place in Mysore. There is no prohibition in our rules from appointing people from Indian States as Honorary Physicians."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"May I ask the Hon. Minister whether that gentleman has ever served in the Madras General Hospital as Honorary Assistant Surgeon or Honorary Physician?"